Amendments to the specification:

Please amend the paragraph which now begins on page 1, line 1:

This application is a divisional of US Patent No. 6,649,058 having a Serial No. 09/810,491, filed March 19, 2001, which is a divisional of US Patent No. 6,258,271 having a Serial No. 09/331,728, filed October 29, 1997, August 16, 1999 which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/FR98/02310, filed October 28, 1998.